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SUBJECT: USINT BANK ACCOUNT

REF: BAGHDAD 895 AND PREVIOUS

1. LANDLORD OF USIS LIBRARY BUILDING (IBRAHIM SHEKH AHMAD) CALLED AT USINT TODAY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER OF USINT'S IMPOUNDED BANK ACCOUNT. AHMAD SAID HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MFA HERE AND WAS APPARENTLY TOLD TO SEE USINT TO SETTLE DISPUTE "ON FREINDLY BASIS".

2. USINT OFFICER TALKED WITH AHMAD, REMINDING HIM OF USG POSITION THAT SEIZURE OF FUNDS BY GOI AUTHORITIES WAS IN VIOLATION INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE, AND THAT IRAQI MFA HAD ACKNOWLEDGED TTIS. HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT MFA (IN ITS NOTE OF 6/22/75) ADVISED USINT THAT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES WERE TAKING ACTION TO RESTORE FUNDS IMPOUNDED. AHMAD CLAIMED HE HAD RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION OF THIS PRECESS (REFTEL).

2. AHMDA MADE REFERENCE TO USINT NOTE OF JUNE 7, 1969 (OF WHICH HE HAS COPY) IN WHICH REFERENCE WAS MADE TO "AMIIABLE SETTLEMENT" BBETWEEN HIM AND USG. HE STATED THAT THIS ALSO HIS DESIRE AND THAT FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE SEIZURE WAS DONE "IN CONFORMANCE WITH IRAQI LAW". USINT OFFICER TOLD AHMAD THAT HE WOULD QUERY DEPARTMENT FOR GUIDANCE.

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4. COMMENT: IN VIEW REFTTEL, IT APPEARS AHMAD REALIZES AMICABLE SETTLEMENT HIS ONLY HOPE FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF. HE HAS NO DOUBT LEARNED THAT PROCESS OF RESTORATION OF ACCOUNT IS MOVING INEXORABLY FORWARD WITH GOI COMPLICITY. (IN TELECON WITH MFA TODAY IT WAS LEARNED THAT WE "WILL RECEIVE SHORTLY" A NOTE RESPONDING TO OUR QUESTIONS OUTLINED IN BAGHDAD 705.)

5. REQUEST YOU ADVISE HOW TO HANDLE APPROCH BY AHMAD INDICATING WHETHER USINT SHOULD AWAIT FULL RESTORATION OF ACCOUNT BEFORE OPENING DISCUSSIONS WITH LANDLORD, OR WHETHER PARALLEL TALKS ON REIMBURSEMENT SHOULD BEGIN NOW USING GUIDANCE GIVEN IN EARLIER SEPTELS.
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